



Newsletter #8

March 18, 2020

Message from School Administration

Hello Everyone! We hope this newsletter update finds you happy and healthy and settling in nicely at home. We are certainly all trying to adapt to a new way of life and being.

We are continuing to monitor the situation surrounding COVID-19 (Coronavirus). It is rapidly changing and we are closely following the advice and direction of Holy Spirit School Division, Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services officials. We will keep you informed.

We truly understand that cancelling classes indefinitely may cause some disruption, but we strongly believe that these measures, taken now will have the greatest success of decreasing risk to the whole community.

In close consultation with Alberta Education and all provincial school divisions, plans are already underway regarding how education under the current global circumstances can be delivered. Over the past few days our dedicated teachers, educational assistants and administration have been preparing educational materials for ongoing home-based learning to ensure our students continue to be academically engaged. We will be providing updates as they become available.

It is important for all of us to take care of each other in these uncertain times. Know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. We miss you here at school and hope that you are happy and healthy. May God bless our St. Michael School family!

Sincerely,

Tina Delinte & Karen Schmidt

5 things we're smiling about this month:



- Our staff and how we can come together during a time of crisis as a strong, united front.
- Our students and their resilience during the past week, and days ahead.
- Our parents and their dedication to learning and supporting our children and school.
- Our community and the support we are receiving.
- Our faith in better days to come.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS UPDATE

Here at St. Michael's School, we want to make sure we are doing our part to keep our community safe and healthy during this time. We have made the decision to cancel parent teacher interviews which were scheduled for the end of March. As a result, please disregard your child's comments within the report card about interviews, PATs (which have been cancelled for the province), and signing of Individual Support Plans (for those students who have them).

In days and weeks ahead our staff will be working diligently to stay connected with our students and parents. We will continue to do our best to continue to support learning, and appreciate all your efforts at home. In the meantime, it is important that we all remain calm, and stay focused on staying healthy and happy.

GRADUATION UPDATE

We want to inform you of an important update from our division Superintendent, Ken Sampson. Graduation 2020, scheduled for May 29th and 30th, has been cancelled indefinitely. In our efforts to adhere to directives put in place by Holy Spirit Catholic Schools, Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services. In days and weeks ahead, we will stay connected with you and provide any updates as they become available.



Alberta Health Services - Coronavirus Update

www.alberta.ca/coronavirus

www.ahs.ca/ncov

[Alberta Health Services Self-Assessment](#)

[Talking with your child about CoVID19](#)

[Coping and Connection With Children and Families](#)

[CoVID 19 and Your Mental Health](#)

[Practical and Emotional Preparedness for a Pandemic](#)

[Talking with Your Child About Corona Virus](#)

[Moving Forward in a Caring Way with COVID19](#)

[Podcast from Alberta Health Services](#)

FAITH FOCUS:

3-Year Faith Plan – “Making Our Mark: Journey of an Intentional Disciple”

2019-2020 Theme – Beginning the Journey
Calls to Action – Be mindful of God’s presence... Be prayerful...



Wisdom for the journey...

Fill Up on Faith:

Lent 2020 Resources:

- [Lent in 3 minutes video- click here](#)
- [Stations of the Cross for Families](#)

Curriculum Connections:

→ [Growing in Faith Growing in Christ Home Portal](#)

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Prayers during the Pandemic:

→ [A message from Bishop McGrattan- click here](#)

→ [Be Still- A Song to Reflect on - click here](#)



Words from St. Michael's Parish:

- All masses and gatherings are cancelled
- The church is still open for individual prayer in the morning and afternoon. If you need a time to pray outside of office hours please call.
- Sacramental preparation will now need to be led by parents at home.
 - Confirmation: "Decision Point" book along with videos from link - <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation>
- Check out our new Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelspinchercreek/>

Important Upcoming Faith Dates:

- Holy Thursday - April 9, 2020
- Good Friday – April 10, 2020
- Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020

Things to Know:

Student Retreat Days @ SMPC: **CANCELLED**

Graduation Mass: **CANCELLED**

